GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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SECURITY LAPSE AT COIMBATORE AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether security lapse was reported at the Coimbatore Airport as nearly 25 approach light fittings on the runway were found missing recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount lost in the theft;

(d) whether landing of aircraft has taken place without proper approach lights at night; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such incidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) & (c): An incident of theft was reported at Coimbatore airport on 27.1.2002 in which 25 approach light fittings/bulbs were found missing. The entire stolen property worth Rs.50,000/- has since been recovered.

(d) Five flights operated during night hours at Coimbatore Airport without the use of Approach lights. However, these operations did not violate any stipulated norms for landing during night hours.

(e) Central Industrial Security Force is now regularly patrolling around the perimeter wall.